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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, VS

SUBJECT: AMERICANS PRISONERS IN SVN

REF: PARIS 22156

FOR MARK PRATT

1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF AMERICANS HELD PRISONER BY COMMUNIST FORCES IN SVN. ALL EXCEPT LEWIS AND GAY WERE CAPTURED MARCH 10 AT BAN ME THUOT AND ARE REPORTEDLY HELD IN PLEIKU PROVINCE. MR. AND MRS. JOHNSON ARE CANADIAN CITIZENS. OTHER FOREIGNERS CAPTURED AND BELIEVED HELD WITH BMT GROUP INCLUDE AUSTRALIAN PETER WHITLOCK AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ENRIQUE TOLENTINO.

2. LEWIS WAS ADMIN OFFICER AT US CONGEN IN NHA TRANG WHO WAS CAPTURED APRIL 16 AT PHAN RANG, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO ASSIST VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF THE CONSULATE.

3. GAY IS MERCHANT SEAMAN/FISHERMAN CAPTURED APRIL 30 ON HON TRE ISLAND WHERE HE HAD LANDED IN SEARCH OF FUEL FOR HIS BOAT.

4. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES:

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MRS. CAROLYN MILLER

MR. JOHN MILLER

MAY 6, 1930                      AUG. 15, 1930  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.              OREFIELD, PA.

MISS LUANNE MILLER              MR. PAUL STRUHARIK  
SEPT. 16, 1969                      NOV. 4, 1940  
DA NANG, IETNAM                      BARBERTON, OHIO

MR. JAY SCARBOROUGH              MR. RICHARD PHILLIPS  
JULY 6, 1946                      MARCH 2, 1930  
YORK, PA.                      ALBANY, OREGON

MRS. LILLIAN PHILLIPS              MRS. BETTY MITCHELL  
NOV. 11, 1931                      JAN. 12, 1921  
KHAMGAON BERAR, INDIA              CASS LAKE, MINNESOTA

MR. NORMAN JOHNSON              MRS. JOAN JOHNSON  
JULY 22, 1936                      JAN. 15, 1936  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO                      HAMILTON, ONTARIO

MR. JAMES F. LEWIS              ARLO N. GAY  
FEB. 29, 1944                      JAN. 27, 1924  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS                      WASHINGTON  
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